(d) Under the Regulations, life as well as non-life insurers have issued 9,15,239 policies in rural areas and 18,20,324 policies for social sector. IRDA does not collect State-wise details as the obligations prescribed are for total business done in rural and social sectors.

Increase in revenue collection

†647. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revenue is increasing continuously by collection of taxes for the last few years;

(b) the percentage of increase in the revenue consequent upon the collection of taxes in 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 separately;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the quantum of outstanding amount through collection of fixed taxes has also increased during the above said period; and

(d) if not, the outstanding amount of taxes that could not be collected during each of the above said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revenue collected on account of direct and indirect taxes and percentage increase in the revenue consequent upon the collection of taxes in 2002-03,2003-04 and 2004-05 are given below:

Revenue Taxes

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Revenue Collected	% Growth
2002-03	131284	13.05
2003-04	147294	12.19
2004-05	171101	16.16

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Direct Taxes

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Revenue Collected	% Growth
2002-03	83088	20.07
2003-04	105088	26.48
2004-05	131918	25.53

(c) and (d) Growth of direct tax/indirect tax arrears are as under:

Direct Tax Arrears

Financial Year	Arrears at the end of the year	% Growth over last year
2002-03	72290	-0.52%
2003-04	87886	21.57%
2004-05	100379	14.22%

Indirect Tax Arrears

CENTRAL EXCISE

Financial Year	Arrears at the end of the year	% Growth over last year
2002-03	11502	0.90%
2003-04	12613	9.66%
2004-05	12195	-3.31%

CUSTOMS

Financial Year	Arrears at the end of the year	% Growth over last year
2002-03	2718.50	0.39%
2003-04	2725.62	0.26%
2004-05	2940.06	7.86%

Fresh incentives for implementation of VAT

848. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers ...